



## RESOLUTION

### HONORING SAMITA MOHANASUNDARAM FOR RECEIVING THE ALEXANDRA SCOTT BUTTERFLY AWARD

### *CITY OF NASHUA*

*In the Year Two Thousand and Seven*

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Nashua that Congratulations from Mayor Bernard A. Streeter and the Board of Aldermen are hereby extended to Samita Mohanasundaram as the third recipient of the Alexandra Scott Butterfly Award. Each year the Butterfly Award recognizes one young person from the United States who has done extraordinary deeds in his or her community and beyond. Samita's teacher Cathy Wojtkun nominated her for the award.

The Butterfly Award was established in the memory of Alexandra Scott. Alex was a cancer patient who raised money for children's cancer research. An award of \$25,000 is given to the recipient to donate to a charity or charities he or she wishes.

At an early age, Samita began volunteering at local community retirement and nursing homes. She put in hundreds of hours of service. Sometimes she would play her veena, a classical Indian instrument, for the residents.

Samita, with the help of her family, collected and donated hundreds of books to poor children in India. She then traveled to India and designed a curriculum of history, English, math, and finance and took it a step further by teaching the children.

Samita also organized a card-signing drive at her school for the Florida hurricane victims and organized another book drive for the Florida schools devastated by the damaging storms.

Samita intends to dedicate the rest of her life to helping others in need. She hopes to spread the message that performing community service and donating one's time, goods, and money over an extended period of time makes the world a better place.